

Exhibit O

bcc: Mr. Breland/Burdette - with copy of LaMoreaux letter
Mr. Musick - Ditto
Mr. J. McDuff - Ditto
Mr. Edwards - Ditto
Mr. Brown - Ditto
Mr. Gilbert ✓ - Ditto

August 13, 1979

Mr. Herb Robins
Alabama Surface Mining Reclamation Commission
Post Office Box 2390
Jasper, Alabama 35501


Dear Herb:

Attached is a copy of the correspondence sent to us by P.E. LaMoreaux of P. E. LaMoreaux and Associates, who has been retained by Alabama By-Products Corporation as consultant for surface and groundwater hydrology for our mining operations. Dr. LaMoreaux visited the Maxine Mine on August 6, 1979, and was of the opinion that the acid-water problem existing at the mine coal processing waste disposal area was considerably more involved than just surface runoff. He indicates that additional time will be required to effectively solve the problem.

As indicated in the attached correspondence, certain steps will be taken by him to develop a solution. Information necessary for him to begin his investigation has been provided and arrangements are underway to assist him in the other areas.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter, especially in realizing the complexity of the problem and the need for a proper solution. If we can give you any additional information, please call.

Yours very truly,


D. R. Cook
Vice President Engineering-Mines

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